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U.S. Total.....	711,150	658,283	491,676	352,619	93,275	41,502	4,280	166,607	157,085	9,522	52,867
<u>Eastern Seaboard.....</u>	117,395	91,877	82,775	68,336	3,011	7,148	4,280	9,102	0	9,102	25,518
Connecticut.....	5,000	5,000	4,200	3,500	0	0	700	800	0	800	0
Connecticut Tobacco Valley	5,000	5,000	4,200	3,500	0	0	700	800	0	800	0
Florida.....	66,506	52,681	45,731	35,813	2,725	5,195	1,998	6,950	0	6,950	13,825
Central Ridge.....	22,285	13,350	11,079	8,704	675	1,425	275	2,271	0	2,271	8,935
Indian River.....	8,700	7,500	6,645	5,945	100	500	100	855	0	855	1,200
Lower East Coast.....	19,435	18,385	15,023	8,547	1,935	3,015	1,526	3,362	0	3,362	1,050
North Central.....	2,390	2,250	2,145	2,140	0	0	5	105	0	105	140
Tampa Bay.....	8,225	5,725	5,368	5,206	15	55	92	357	0	357	2,500
Other Areas.....	5,471	5,471	5,471	5,271	0	200	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Massachusetts.....</u>	3,995	3,570	3,541	3,259	11	37	234	29	0	29	425
Connecticut Valley Area...	708	708	684	590	0	0	94	24	0	24	0
Other Areas.....	3,287	2,862	2,857	2,669	11	37	140	5	0	5	425
New Jersey.....	3,214	1,888	1,380	552	50	50	728	508	0	508	1,326
New York.....	4,462	3,172	2,597	2,597	0	0	0	575	0	575	1,290
Rochester.....	690	300	178	178	0	0	0	122	0	122	390
Other Areas.....	3,772	2,872	2,419	2,419	0	0	0	453	0	453	900
North Carolina.....	7,086	7,086	7,086	6,155	210	721	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville.....	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	50	50	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	5,586	5,586	5,586	4,755	160	671	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Pennsylvania.....</u>	11,161	7,260	7,260	6,195	0	445	620	0	0	0	3,901
South Central.....	7,501	3,995	3,995	3,375	0	300	320	0	0	0	3,506
Other Areas.....	3,660	3,265	3,265	2,820	0	145	300	0	0	0	395
South Carolina.....	4,600	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Upper Santee.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	3,600	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Virginia.....	100,610	6,805	6,565	5,865	0	700	0	240	0	240	3,255
Eastern Shore-Norfolk.....	2,150	1,350	1,350	1,200	0	150	0	0	0	0	800
Other Areas.....	7,910	5,455	5,215	4,665	0	550	0	240	0	240	2,455
West Virginia.....	1,311	115	115	100	15	0	0	0	0	0	1,196
North Central.....	13,596	9,041	8,962	7,691	175	1,096	0	79	34	45	4,555
Michigan.....	11,050	8,000	7,980	6,755	175	1,050	0	20	0	20	3,050
Bay City.....	1,700	1,200	1,200	1,000	25	175	0	0	0	0	500
Benton Harbor.....	2,200	1,200	1,200	1,000	0	200	0	0	0	0	1,000
Lansing.....	1,050	900	900	700	0	200	0	0	0	0	150
Maristee.....	1,550	1,200	1,200	825	50	325	0	0	0	0	350
Muskegon.....	1,050	750	750	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Pontiac.....	2,000	1,750	1,730	1,480	100	150	0	20	0	20	250
Traverse City.....	1,100	600	600	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Other Areas.....	400	400	400	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota.....	587	587	562	558	0	4	0	25	25	0	0
Southern.....	587	587	562	558	0	4	0	25	25	0	0
Wisconsin.....	1,959	454	420	378	0	42	0	34	9	25	1,505
East Central.....	1,675	295	270	244	0	26	0	25	0	25	1,380
Other Areas.....	284	159	150	134	0	16	0	9	9	0	125
South Central.....	316,226	303,930	221,950	152,392	63,320	6,238	0	81,980	81,980	0	12,296
Alabama.....	5,865	5,865	5,865	5,865	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Coastal Plains.....	1,475	1,475	1,475	1,475	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee Valley.....	3,130	3,130	3,130	3,130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Arkansas.....	32,732	32,132	30,649	29,690	325	634	0	1,483	1,483	0	600
Central Mississippi River											
Delta Cotton.....	2,898	2,898	2,668	2,625	0	43	0	230	230	0	0
Lower Arkansas River											
Delta Cotton.....	3,256	3,256	2,831	2,831	0	0	0	425	425	0	0
St. Francis-Cache River											
Cotton.....	15,300	15,300	15,000	14,725	25	250	0	300	300	0	0
Upper Mississippi River											
Delta Cotton.....	7,744	7,744	7,350	6,825	300	225	0	394	394	0	0
Other Areas.....	3,534	2,934	2,800	2,684	0	116	0	134	134	0	600
Louisiana.....	19,925	12,725	12,725	11,215	840	670	0	0	0	0	7,200
Mississippi.....	7,872	7,872	7,872	7,548	225	99	0	0	0	0	0
Delta.....	6,822	6,822	6,822	6,822	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	1,050	1,050	1,050	726	225	99	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma.....	8,852	8,486	8,486	5,041	1,765	1,680	0	0	0	0	366
Southwestern.....	6,975	6,975	6,975	3,555	1,750	1,670	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	1,877	1,511	1,511	1,486	15	10	0	0	0	0	366
Tennessee.....	6,000	6,000	5,992	5,992	0	0	0	8	8	0	0
Northwest.....	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest.....	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Areas.....	300	300	292	292	0	0	0	8	8	0	0
Texas.....	234,980	230,850	150,361	87,041	60,165	3,155	0	80,489	80,489	0	2,600
Blacklands.....	815	815	815	815	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Texas.....	3,850	3,850	3,833	3,833	0	0	0	17	17	0	0

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Texas (Cont.).....												
Cross Timbers.....	10,070	10,070	7,114	3,419	3,695	0	0	2,956	2,956	0	0	
East Texas.....	7,015	7,015	6,954	6,954	0	0	0	61	61	0	0	
Edwards Plateau.....	15,095	15,095	9,775	8,345	1,430	0	0	5,320	5,320	0	0	
High Rolling Plains.....	104,965	104,715	77,199	19,404	54,640	3,155	0	27,516	27,516	0	250	
Llano-Post Oak.....	2,680	2,680	2,556	2,556	0	0	0	124	124	0	0	
Lower Rio Grande Valley...	33,400	31,080	20,956	20,956	0	0	0	10,124	10,124	0	2,320	
Rio Grande Plains.....	19,225	17,930	12,141	12,141	0	0	0	5,789	5,789	0	0	
Trans-Pecos.....	30,065	30,065	1,680	1,680	0	0	0	28,385	28,385	0	0	
Upper Coastal.....	1,380	1,145	1,145	1,145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Areas.....	6,420	6,390	6,193	5,793	400	0	0	197	197	0	30	
Western	263,933	253,435	177,989	124,200	26,769	27,020	0	75,446	75,071	375	10,498	
Arizona	56,152	55,668	38,244	17,050	4,058	17,136	0	17,424	17,424	0	484	
Maricopa.....	24,880	24,505	16,880	8,905	1,800	6,175	0	7,625	7,625	0	375	
Pinal.....	16,189	16,167	13,504	4,778	800	7,926	0	2,663	2,663	0	22	
Yuma.....	7,400	7,350	1,350	950	200	200	0	6,000	6,000	0	50	
Other Areas.....	7,683	7,646	6,510	2,417	1,258	2,835	0	1,136	1,136	0	37	
California	168,750	168,750	127,600	111,200	21,825	8,075	0	41,150	40,775	375	INA	
Central Coast.....	20,500	20,500	14,700	11,900	2,400	400	0	5,800	5,700	100	INA	
Desert.....	21,900	21,900	5,300	3,100	1,800	400	0	16,600	16,600	0	INA	
North Coast.....	2,900	2,900	2,550	1,500	925	125	0	350	350	0	INA	
Sacramento Valley.....	16,100	16,100	14,100	8,550	4,450	1,100	0	2,000	1,825	175	INA	
San Joaquin Valley.....	84,850	84,850	79,300	62,750	11,400	5,150	0	5,550	5,500	0	INA	
South Coast.....	22,500	22,500	11,650	9,900	850	900	0	10,850	10,750	100	INA	

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New Mexico.....	21,795	21,795	4,951	3,186	617	1,148	0	16,844	16,844	0	0
Artesia.....	2,301	2,301	100	75	0	25	0	2,201	2,201	0	0
Carlsbad.....	1,624	1,624	380	380	0	0	0	1,244	1,244	0	0
Hobbs.....	2,905	2,905	1,050	250	50	750	0	1,855	1,855	0	0
Las Cruces.....	9,111	9,111	1,121	881	75	165	0	7,990	7,990	0	0
Roswell.....	2,696	2,696	794	456	287	51	0	1,902	1,902	0	0
Silver City.....	1,172	1,172	10	10	0	0	0	1,162	1,162	0	0
Other Areas.....	1,986	1,986	1,496	1,134	205	157	0	490	490	0	0
Oregon.....	5,360	2,360	2,360	2,060	40	260	0	0	0	0	3,000
Williamette Valley....	4,010	1,460	1,460	1,360	40	60	0	0	0	0	2,550
Other Areas.....	1,350	900	900	700	0	200	0	0	0	0	450
Washington.....	11,876	4,862	4,834	4,204	229	401	0	28	28	0	7,014
North Central.....	2,450	750	750	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,700
Northwestern.....	692	312	284	274	0	10	0	28	28	0	380
South Central.....	5,700	2,500	2,500	2,100	100	300	0	0	0	0	3,200
West Central.....	890	490	490	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
Other Areas.....	2,144	810	810	590	129	91	0	0	0	0	1,334

1/ Agricultural areas selected for inclusion are those areas in which a peak of at least 10,000 seasonal hired workers or 1,000 foreign workers was reached in 1954 or 1955 as reported in In-Season Farm Labor Reports, ES-223. Data for each area satisfying these criteria are presented monthly in this appendix. However, areas are omitted during months for which they are not required to submit ES-223 reports. Such reports are not required for periods in which fewer than 500 seasonal hired farm workers are employed unless higher employment will be resumed after a "lay-by" period, foreign workers are employed, or specified shortages or surpluses of seasonal hired farm workers exist.